GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Forest Conservation Act 1980 - Diversion of 3.582 ha (2.739+0.843) of forest land in erstwhile WLM Division, Medak, for laying of Pipe line in Segment-8/2 (Singuru) for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Sangareddy – **Final (Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 45 Dated: 15-04-2023 Read the following:-

> 1)From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Rc.No.3545/2016/FCA-1, Dated:15.11.2016.

- 2)State Govt. Lr. No.4566/For.I(1)/2016-1, dt:28-11-2016.
- 3)From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No. 4-TSB037/2017-CHN/1392, dt.04.09.2017.
- 4) From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.3545/2016-FCA-1, Dated:17.08.2019.
- 5)Govt. Letter.No.4566/For.I(1)/2016, dt:25-10-2019.
- 6)From Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB037/2017-CHN/147, dt.20.03.2023.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 3.582 ha (2.739+0.843) of forest land in erstwhile WLM Division, Medak, for laying of Pipe line in **Segment-8/2** (**Singuru**) for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Sangareddy.

- In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, Chennai have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
- In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the 3. report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Chennai, for according necessary approval.
- In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfilment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion 3.582 ha (2.739+0.843) of forest land in erstwhile WLM Division, Medak, for laying of Pipe line in Segment-8/2 (Singuru) for providing safe drinking water under Telangana Drinking Water Supply Project in favour of Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Sangareddy, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-
 - I. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- II. The state forest department shall demarcate the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount already been realized from the User Agency.
- III. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 3.582 ha out of the 187.677 ha of non-forest land identified in Sy.No.169 of Peddamunagala and in Sy.No.139 & 147 of Thimmapuram in Chandampet Mandal of Nalgonda District from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- IV. Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- V. The Non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in the name of the Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest / Protected Forest as per the provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification to this office for information and record.
- VI. State Government and the User Agency shall implement all such mitigation measures and other conditions as recommended by the standing Committee of the NBWL.
- VII. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- VIII. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline, the ground will be leveled.
 - IX. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
 - X. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the EPA, 1986, if applicable.
 - XI. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- XII. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work.
- XIII. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or subleased to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Govt. of India.
- XIV. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Govt. of India.
- XV. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the User Agency or the project life, whichever is less.

- XVI. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.582 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- XVII. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- XVIII. User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
 - XIX. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
 - XX. Violation of any of these will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt.29/01/2018.
- 6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SANTHI KUMARI, CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FOREST).

Τo

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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The Superintending Engineer, TDWSP (RWS&S) Circle, Sangareddy. SC/SF.

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SECTION OFFICER.